

A Christmas Carol by Michael Paller

Character List

ADULTS

MALES (5)

CHARLES DICKENS – (30s-40s) Seldom stands still; a dynamo of energy with a mesmerizing voice. *Also plays Scrooge.*

MARK LEMON – (50s-70s) Editor of "Punch" magazine, the humorous weekly. He is advancing toward middle age and corpulence. He plays all the 'well-rounded' roles. *Also plays First Portly Gentleman, Fezziwig, Ghost of Christmas Past, Fat Man, Man On the Bed.*

FREDERICK DICKENS – (20s-30s) The younger brother of Charles Dickens. He is something of a ne'er-do-well, the charming variety. A 'dandy and man who gets ahead in the world.' *Also plays Fred, Young Scrooge, Peter Cratchit, Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come (I), Old Joe.*

CLARKSON STANFIELD – (30s-40s) The painter. There is a quality about him that is, at once, mischievous yet gentle. Described as a young, hard-working man. *Also plays Bob Cratchit, The Ghost of Christmas Past, Topper, The Thin Man, and The Undertaker.*

JOHN FORSTER – (30s-40s) Dickens' closest friend and advisor. He is in many ways the opposite of Dickens: Though given to occasional fits of joviality, he is more by nature gruff and taciturn. *Also plays Second Portly Gentleman, Ghost of Jacob Marley, Dick Wilkins, Man With the Handkerchief, Ghost Of Christmas Yet to Come (II).*

FEMALES (2)

MRS. REBECCA STANFIELD – (30s–40s) Wife of Stanfield. She is small and delicately featured, with the most amazing pair of dancing eyes. Young and available. *Also plays Belle, Martha Cratchit, Dora, The Charwoman.*

CATHERINE DICKENS – (30s–40s) Wife of Charles Dickens. A taller woman than Mrs. Stanfield, her beauty is of a sturdier sort. A matronly and motherly type. *Also plays Mrs. Fezziwig, Betsey Cratchit, Jenny, Mrs. Dilber.*

YOUNG PEOPLE (3)

THE CHILD – (8–10 years old) Dressed in shades of grey and black. Mysterious. In the beginning and the end.

HELEN HOGARTH – (8–10 years old) Niece of Charles Dickens. Already a quick mind. *Also plays a Caroler, Fan, A Little Fezzigig, Belinda Cratchit.*

CHARLEY DICKENS – (8–10 years old) Charles Dickens' son. *Also plays a Caroler, Young Ebenezer, A Little Fezziwig, Tiny Tim, The Boy.*